

The Secretary should also simplify and streamline the procedures for delivering Weatherization investments, including the procedures for retrofitting entire multi-family buildings and the regulations regarding combination of Weatherization and funding available from other public or private sources for the same general purposes.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING AMY MERCADO

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Amy Mercado.

Amy was born and raised in the Bronx. Her mother, Carmen, was a New York City Police Officer, while her father, Victor, was a New York City Transit Police Detective. Amy and her family moved to Central Florida in 1996.

In 2004, Amy earned her bachelor's degree from American Intercontinental University and later earned her Executive MBA from the Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University. She worked in health care at Florida Hospital Orlando, now Advent Health. Amy has also served as the Director of Operations for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Program. Beyond these roles, Amy has worked in other diverse industries, including management, operations, and legal services.

In 2016, the people of House District 48 elected Amy to represent them in the Florida House of Representatives. She was subsequently re-elected in 2018. In 2020, Amy was elected to the office of Orange County Property Appraiser and is the first Latina ever to serve in this role.

Amy has continued to positively impact Central Florida through her public service and community activism.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Amy Mercado.

CELEBRATING REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Regional Water Authority and congratulate them on their 20th anniversary.

A reliable water supply is critical to the Sacramento region as it allows our families to thrive and our businesses to grow. The Regional Water Authority (RWA) was formed in 2001 with a focus on addressing the reliability, quality, affordability, and availability of our region's water supply. RWA is made of up cities, water and irrigation districts, mutual water companies, investor-owned water utilities and community services districts.

Over its 20 years of work, RWA has played a critical role in supporting effective manage-

ment of our region's water resources. From facilitating implementation of our region's conjunctive use program to reduce diversions from the American River during dry water years to preparing the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, RWA has served the Sacramento region well. Its work will continue to be critical as we face a changing climate and work towards a resilient water supply to support our vibrant economy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Regional Water Authority for their 20 years of work on behalf of the greater Sacramento region, and I look forward to working with them over the next 20 years.

HONORING JUDY SWANSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judy Swanson as she is honored by Peninsula Family Service (PFS) with a Lifetime Achievement Award. "Lifetime" has a special meaning in the case of this remarkable woman whom I've been honored to call a dear friend for over 35 years.

Judy is an exceptional community leader and philanthropist. She has dedicated her life to advancements in science, focusing broadly on oncology and science education. She personifies PFS's passion for transforming lives in San Mateo County. With her leadership, PFS successfully offers older residents services to keep them healthy and connected to the broader community. San Mateo County has a great deal of household wealth, but many families struggle. During the COVID emergency, PFS offered COVID information to the elderly, and continued its longstanding programs offering senior peer counseling, housing, nutrition and transportation assistance. Hundreds of children ages 0–5 from the most economically vulnerable families were served at early learning centers. Judy understands that this service is essential because 80 percent of brain development occurs during these early years.

As a member of the Hillsborough Auxiliary to PFS, Judy has helped dozens of participants in the organization's financial literacy programs take out small, manageable loans in order to meet their annual requirements and to build a credit score. Judy is a major benefactor and rolls up her sleeves when the auxiliary that she leads raises funds to support the mission of transforming lives.

Judy also serves as the CEO and Director of the Swanson Foundation and is a regular donor to leading research institutes and scientists in the United States. As a board member of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, she helps staff to identify researchers whose fields hold the greatest undiscovered promise in oncology. The institute funds researchers early in their careers and helps them thrive through the cycle of early discovery to the point where government grants begin to flow due to promising findings.

Judy's late husband, Bob Swanson, played this role for many years and ultimately helped co-found, and was the first CEO of, Genentech. Judy's dedication to oncology research is due in no small part to the fact that

Bob died far too early of brain cancer. In his memory, she fights for those for whom cures could be around the corner if enough leading-edge technology commences. She also supports oncology research at MIT, Bob's alma mater, and is a member of the President's Circle of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

Judy is also a strong supporter of science education and the arts, serving on the Tech Interactive in San Jose, and the board of the San Francisco Ballet. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and a lifetime member of the International Chapter of Young President's Organization and The Chief Executive's Organization.

Madam Speaker, the long recitation of activities of Judy Swanson does not describe the greatest fact of all: Judy Swanson has an enormous heart. She is constantly looking for opportunities to advance the quality of people's lives and generously supports programs and projects large and small. She deserves the appreciation of untold millions who will some day benefit through the discoveries she funds, the science lessons they learn at The Tech in San Jose or their experiences of joy through the San Francisco Ballet. We are only on Earth for the blink of an eye. However, Judy Swanson understands the point made by Archimedes when he said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." Judy Swanson moves the world with each day that she begins anew her life's work.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Malnutrition Awareness Week. This week marks the tenth observance of Malnutrition Awareness Week, which was founded by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in 2012.

Each year during this week, participating organizations seek to educate health care professionals about early detection and treatment of malnutrition, educate consumers on the importance of discussing their nutrition status with health care professionals, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

Malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as hospitalized patients, older adults, and minority populations. For example, one in two older adults is either malnourished or at risk of malnutrition.

Our Nation has financial as well as moral incentives to reduce malnutrition. Good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions, thus reducing health care costs. Untreated malnutrition can lead to the loss of lean body mass, in turn causing complications such as delays in wound healing and recovery from surgery, illness, or disease. In fact, the current estimated cost for disease-associated malnutrition in older adults alone is \$51.3 billion per year.

The good news is that common-sense solutions exist that can help reduce the prevalence of malnutrition now.